

BUGCHUCK SALVAGE TIMBER SALE

August 18, 2008 Land Board

Location of Sale:

- Clearwater Unit (SWLO) – Approximately 3 air miles west of Clearwater Junction and 11 air miles south southeast of Seeley Lake, Montana.
- Missoula County – Section 6, T14N-R14W, Section 31, T15N-R14W, and Section 36, T15N-R15W
- Trust Distribution - 75% Common Schools, 25% State Industrial School

Sale Volume & Estimated Value:

- The estimated sale volume is 4,095 tons (501 MBF) with an estimated minimum bid value of \$14,455.35 or \$3.53/ton.
- In addition to the estimated stumpage value, a fee of \$2.78/ton for Forest Improvement will be charged for all merchantable sawlog timber harvested.
- 8.17 tons/MBF is the conversion factor.

Sale & Harvest Treatments:

- The sale includes 6 harvest units totaling 209 acres.
- This area is currently experiencing an active mountain pine beetle infestation. Much of the merchantable lodgepole pine is dead, dying, or susceptible to mountain pine beetle attack. Therefore, all merchantable lodgepole pine would be harvested. The removal of non-sawlog lodgepole would also be required to enhance growing conditions for the residual stand.
- This sale contains no old growth.

Harvest Systems:

- 100% Tractor

Road Construction:

- Existing access to two of the sections is through a county road. Approximately 3 miles of new road would be built to access harvest units. All new roads would be behind locked gates. DNRC has a temporary easement to cross Plum Creek property. In addition, approximately 0.27 miles of temporary road would be built. This road would be closed upon completion of harvest activities.

Public Involvement:

- Public involvement was solicited through legal notices in the Missoulian, posted public notices, and letters sent to known interested parties. Three letters were received and used to help DNRC specialists identify issues and modify the proposed action.

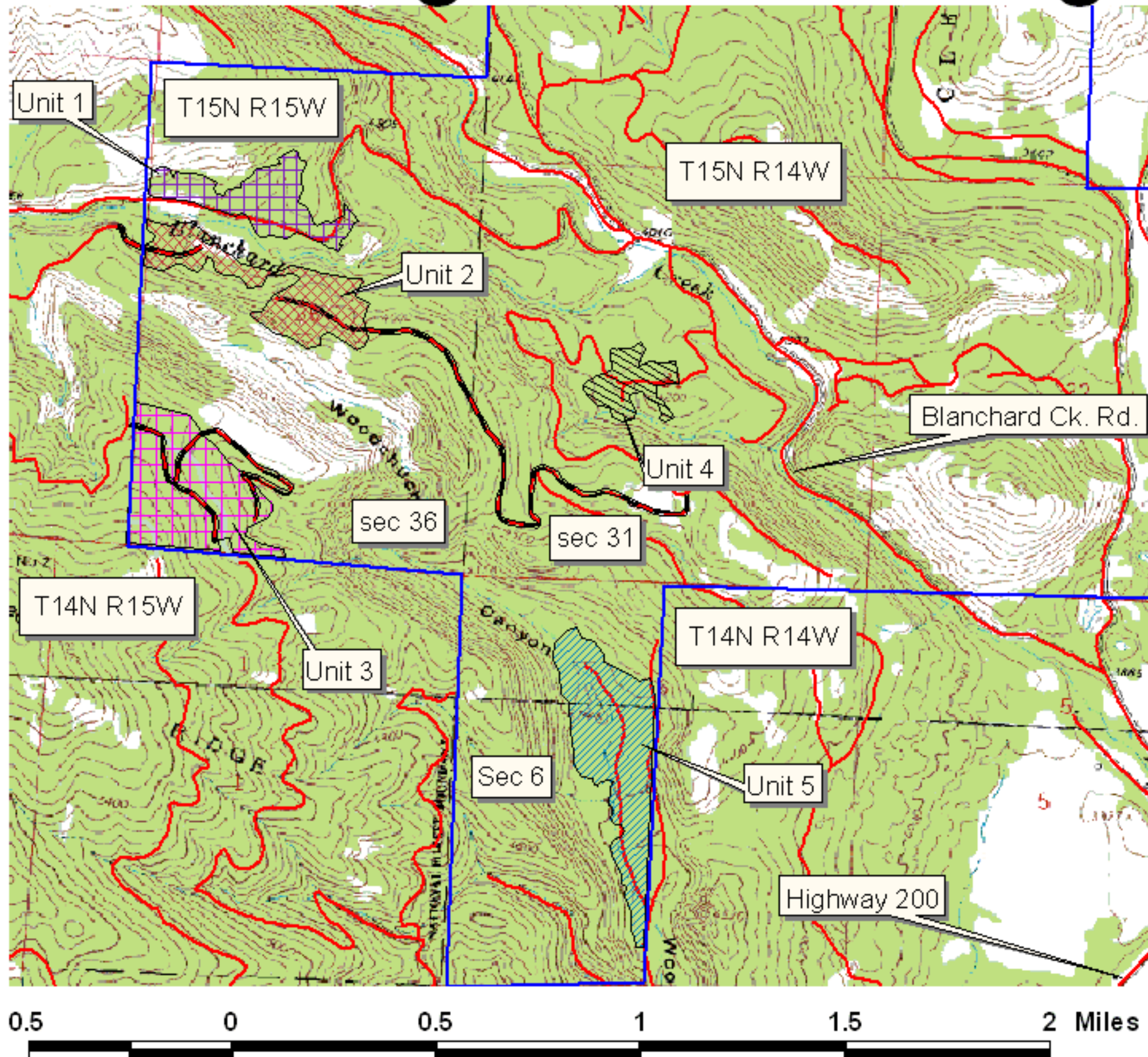
Issues and Mitigations:

- *Big Game Winter Range* – There was a concern that proposed harvest would impact elk and white-tailed deer winter range. Through several meetings between the DNRC wildlife biologist and biologists with Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, this concern was mitigated.

The Director recommends the Land Board direct the Department to sell the Bugchuck Salvage Timber Sale Project.

Bugchuck Salvage

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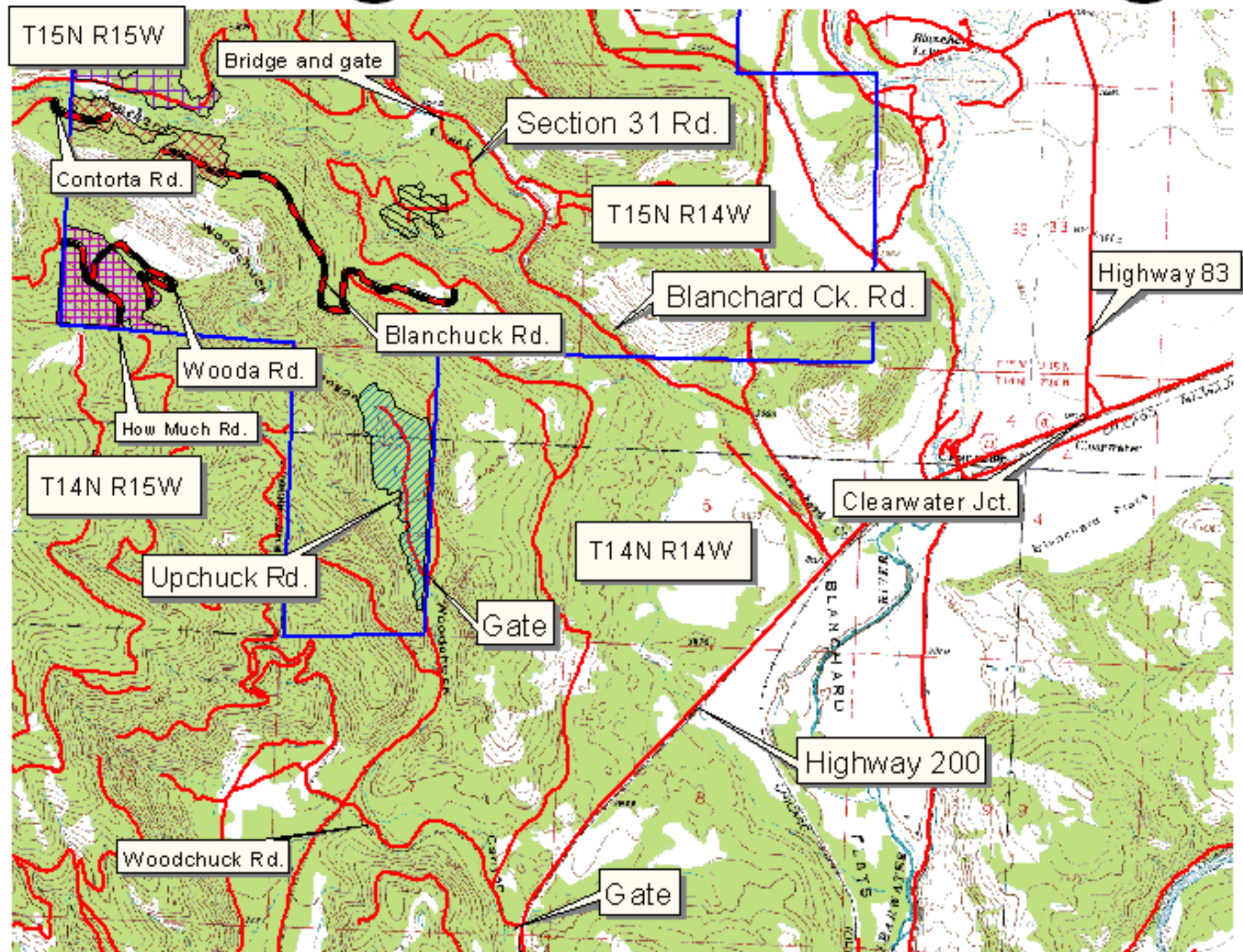


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- Existing roads
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East Roads for Bugchuck Salvage



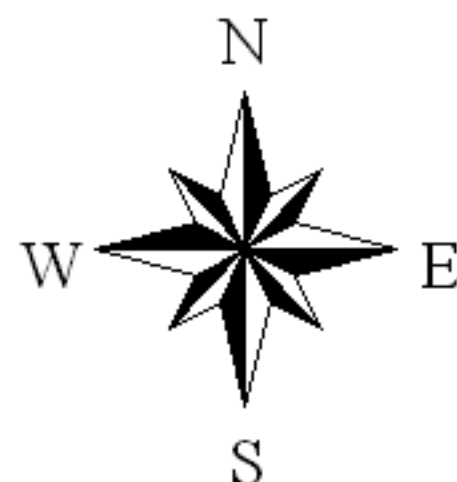
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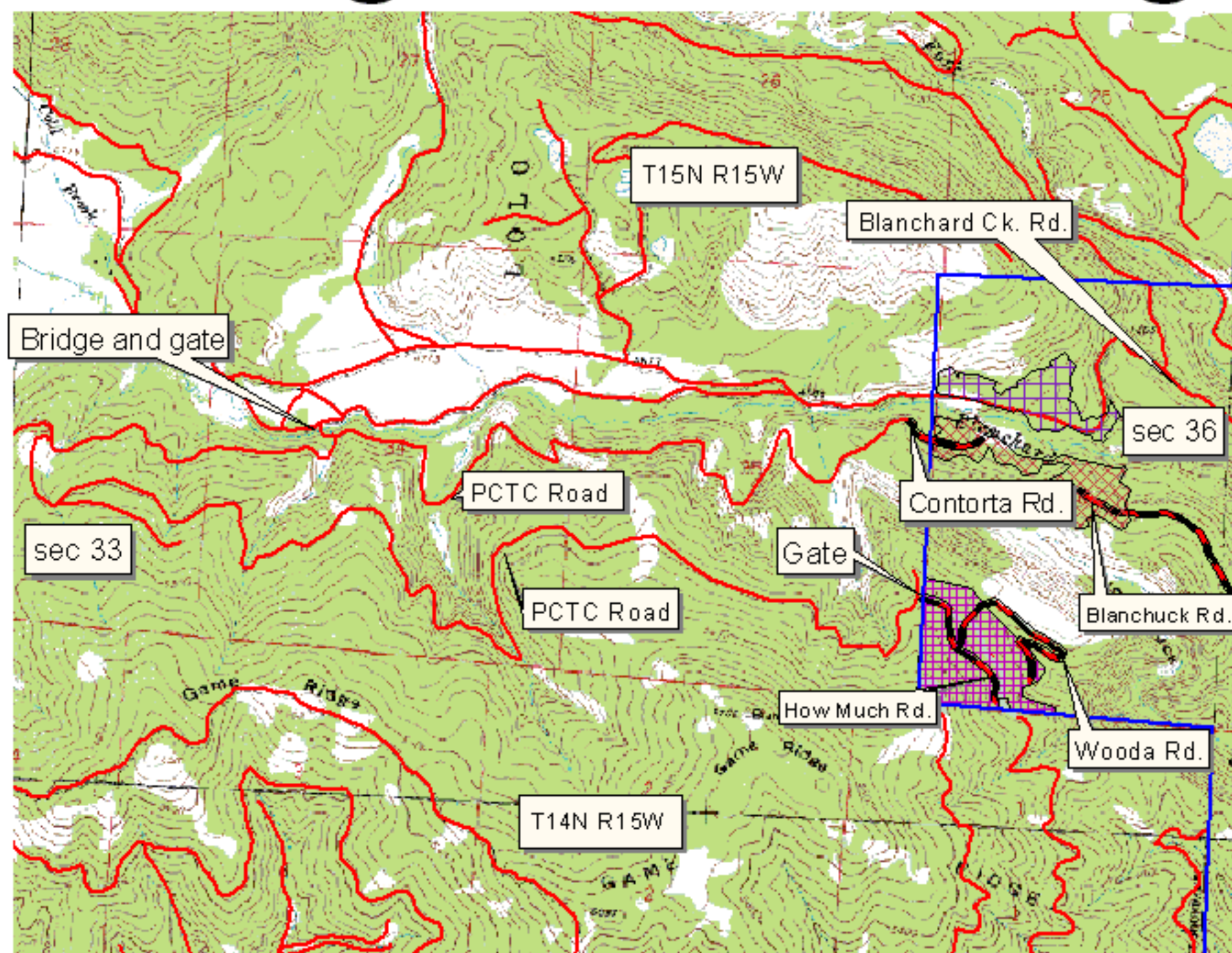
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West Roads for Bugchuck Salvage



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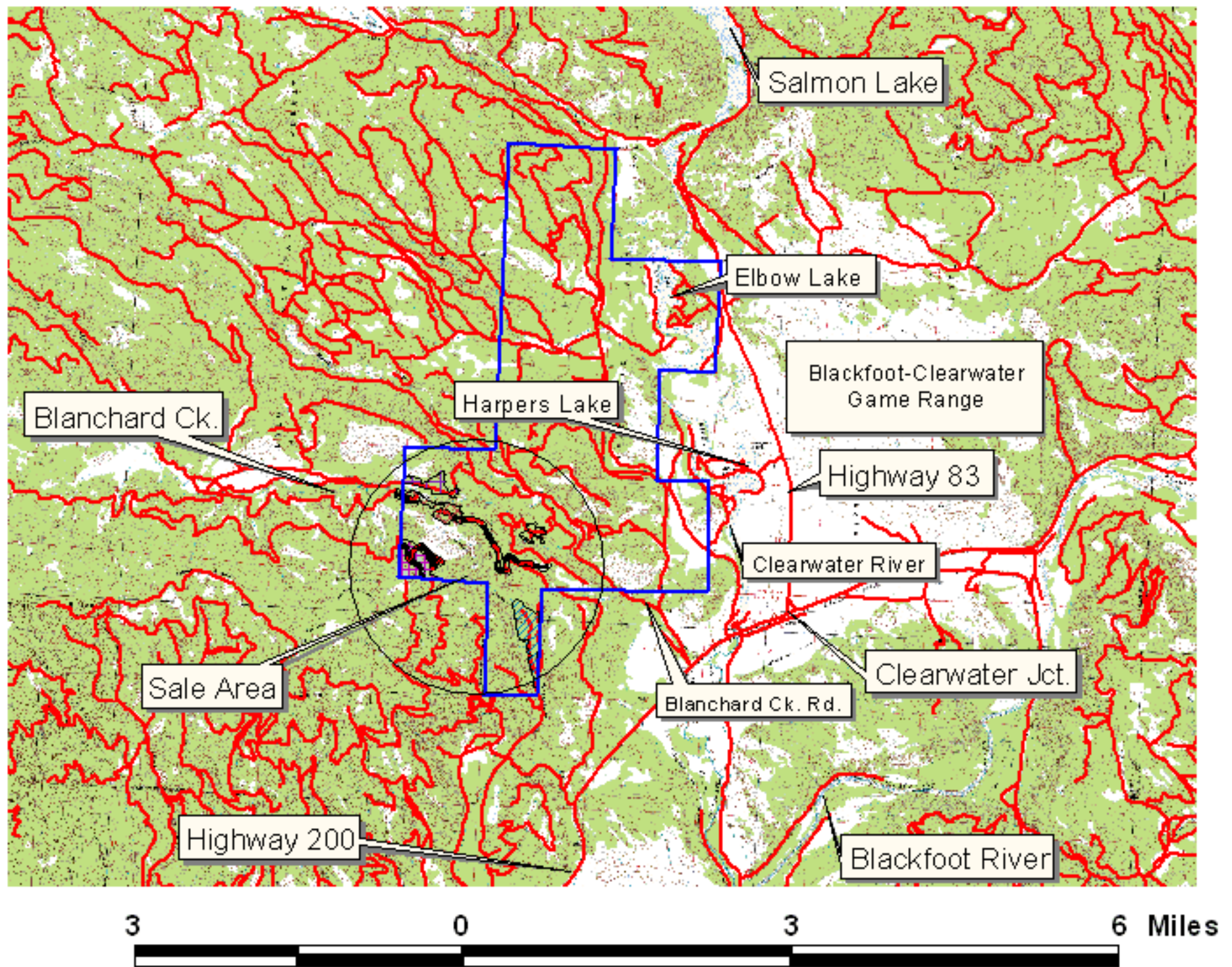
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Vicinity Map for Bugchuck Salvage



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